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Iowa GOP officials unsure of caucus date

IOWA CITY — Members of Iowa's Republican State Central Committee remained optimistic Thursday about an early January caucus, despite New Hampshire suggesting its primary may jump to early or mid-December.

"We need to do it in January," committee member Steve Scheffler told IowaPolitics.com. "I'm totally opposed to a caucus date in December."

Republican Party of Iowa Co-Chairman Bob Schickel said he expects the committee to choose a Jan. 3 date during a teleconference call Oct. 16 but declined to say whether the date would be decided upon.

Republican Party of Iowa Chairman Matt Strawn has declined to confirm the tentative Jan. 3 caucus date. While Strawn has been in close contact with party leaders in other early nominating states, he did not return requests for comment from IowaPolitics.com on Wednesday or Thursday.

— IowaPolitics.com

CORRECTION

In the Oct. 13 article "Locals may not 'swipe' customers," Jim Kelly, the senior vice president of marketing at the University of Iowa Community Credit Union, was quoted incorrectly by reporter Melissa Dawkins. The credit union does pay dividends on checking accounts. Kelly said in an email: "We price our products aggressively, pay dividends on checking accounts, and avoid the debit-card monthly fee." The *DI* regrets the error.

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Hoopsters expect improvement



(Above) Iowa freshman Gabe Oleseni dunks on Thursday in Carver-Hawkeye Arena. The practice was part of the team's media day. (Bottom right) Iowa shooting guard Matt Gatens answers questions during the Hawkeyes' media day on Thursday in Carver-Hawkeye Arena. The Iowa City native is one of four seniors on Iowa's roster this year. (All photos by The Daily Iowan/Anthony Bauer)



(Above) Iowa men's basketball coach Fran McCaffery answers questions during a press conference for the team's media day on Thursday. McCaffery is entering his second year in charge of the Hawkeyes.



Fran McCaffery traditionally improves teams significantly in his second year as coach.

By **BEN SCHUFF**
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If history is any indication, all Fran McCaffery needs to turn a program around is two years.

In his two previous head coaching jobs — at North Carolina-Greensboro and Siena — McCaffery's teams posted significantly better records in his second year than his first.

The current Hawkeye head coach led both Carolina-Greensboro and Siena to 15-13 records in his first season at each school. In year two, the Spartans improved to 19-12 and made the NCAA Tournament; the Saints went 20-12 but missed the tourney.

IN SPORTS

The Hawkeyes lost eight games by two scores or fewer last season. Can they turn those into Ws in 2011-12? **PAGE 10**

While the Hawkeyes don't quite have the same starting point in the win-loss column — Iowa finished 11-20 last season — they expect to make the same year-two system improvements on the court as McCaffery's past teams have.

"[Last year], we talked about playing up-tempo, [and] we talked about changing defense," McCaffery said. "A lot of those things

take time to teach, particularly with a young team."

Now, he said, there's less of a need for that learning curve. Players and coaches both said during the team's media day on Thursday that a year of experience with McCaffery's system creates a level of comfort that wasn't present last year.

Assistant coach Andrew Francis, who spent three years coaching with McCaffery at Siena, described the players' first year as one in which they progressed throughout the season — but said "they just weren't used to [the system] yet."

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UI pushes green

The University of Iowa aims for 40 percent renewable energy by 2020.

By **DORA GROTE**
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University of Iowa officials hope exposing students to sustainability projects might persuade them to pursue careers in environmental fields.

University faculty and staff, student environmental activists, and professionals gathered on campus Thursday for a Sustainability Rally. The event offered students the chance to learn more about sustainability efforts on campus and elsewhere.

Craig Just, a UI civil and environmental engineering



Civil-environmental engineering scientist Craig Just speaks at a Sustainability Rally in the Kinnick Stadium press box on Thursday. "We're trying to get new people to get plugged in and keep that constant stream of people working on sustainability," he said. (The Daily Iowan/Jacklyn Couppee)

research scientist, said he designed the event to introduce students to various sustainability efforts. Thursday's event was the finale of a first-

year seminar on sustainability that Just launched this semester. He called the course a

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UI: Int'l recruiting pays off

By **KRISTEN EAST**
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The University of Iowa is spending thousands to recruit students from other countries. But compared to the money those students bring to the local economy, that sum is tiny.

The UI spends roughly \$130,000 a year sending representatives to visit schools and attend recruitment fairs all over the globe, said Downing Thomas, the dean of International Programs. Recruiters travel to roughly 20 countries.

"If we spend \$130,000 [on recruitment], it's a little much if we only brought five students," Thomas said. "But we're bringing hundreds of students in, so we

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Candidates air views



Some of the City Council candidates during an information meeting in the IMU on July 20. (The Daily Iowan/File Photo)

One topic discussed at Thursday's forum was creating jobs.

By **ASMAA ELKEURTI**
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A doctor, a lawyer, a coffee-shop owner, a retired professor, a radio-station owner, an energy-company supervisor, and a University of Iowa junior met to answer the public's questions Thursday.

After this week's Iowa City City Council primary, four candidates are vying for two at-large seats, two for a District A seat, and one person running unopposed for a District C seat.

All seven candidates spoke at a forum hosted by the Iowa City Federation of Labor and Iowa Citizens for Community Development Thursday. Issues discussed included tax-increment financing and the role of city government in creating jobs.

The four at-large candidates are Mayor Matt Hayek, Jarett Mitchell, Raj Patel, and Michelle Payne. Rick Dobyns and Steve Soboroff are running in District A, and one-time City Councilor Jim Throgmorton is running in District C.

Patel — a UI student who received official backing from UI Student Government — spoke about his plans to attract businesses and jobs to Iowa City.

"I think what's impor-

City Council Candidate Forum

Seven City Council candidate members discussed several issues at the forum.

- Job creation
- Tax-increment financing
- Illegal immigration
- Limiting practice of predatory lending
- Affordable housing
- Increasing pay for councilors

tant to Iowa City are good jobs, good pay, and good benefits," said Patel, whose parents operate hotels in Iowa City.

When it came to issues such as tax-increment financing, each candidate aside from Soboroff had similar views.

"I think that it should be used very, very judiciously," coffee-shop owner Mitchell said.

Payne, an employee of MidAmerican Energy, said she believes TIF should be used depending on the situation in question.

"Each project needs to be looked at individually. The TIF is something that should be used as the last effort of financing for the project, not as a sole financier of the project," she said. "I think Iowa City actually uses TIF pretty reason-

ably." And Throgmorton, a University of Iowa professor emeritus of urban and regional planning, agreed that TIF should be used in moderation.

"If we lived in ideal world, use of TIF would be undesirable and unnecessary," he said. "We have to use TIF but we have to do it wisely."

"I think it's a wonderful way for cities, if used correctly, to fund areas of the cities where developers wouldn't want to go in," physician Dobyns said.

Radio-station owner Soboroff dissented, offering few reservations against the use of TIFs.

"I think TIFs are great," he said. "No ifs, ands, or buts."

Questions about ordinances which would protect illegal immigrants — also known as Sanctuary City ordinances — were also brought up.

Patel said his background gives him more insight into issues of immigration.

"I believe it is important to respect the [immigration] process," he said. "I believe that illegal immigrants should be able to live with some dignity."

The issue of self-supporting municipal improve-

ment districts has often been discussed in city politics lately. While the issue wasn't brought up at Thursday's forum, some of the candidates have differing views on the topic.

Payne, a member of the Iowa City Planning and Zoning Commission, supported a recently passed ordinance creating such a district; the plan that allows businesses in a certain area to pay extra taxes and use the revenue for special projects.

"I think in these economic times, businesses and people in general have to think outside the box and promote themselves so that they stand out as someplace different and exciting," Payne told *The Daily Iowan* on Thursday.

Mitchell, as a business owner himself, takes a different stance on the district.

"I'm very disappointed with [the idea]. I'm against the [district] in general. Taxes are high enough as it is," he said. "I feel it's an example of taxation without representation. They're only asking people who are property owners to get their perspective on the issue."

The general election for the four available seats will be held Nov. 8.

METRO/NATION

'Mini-frats' irk North Side resident

One Iowa City resident is disgruntled with residents of parental non-owner-occupied housing, or "dude housing."

North Side resident Steve Smith wrote to Iowa City City Council in May commenting on what he labeled as nuisances coming from neighboring residence.

"... wealthy parents buying their little boys houses in the Near North Side, and their boy is a freshman college student who then rents out rooms to his buddies — making the house, essentially, a mini-fraternity or dorm house," Smith said in his email.

Douglas Boothroy, the director of Housing and Inspection Services, suggested the City Council consider additional regulations to address the concerns about parental non-owner-occupied housing.

In the previous year, five parental non-owner-occupied homes were cited with a criminal nuisance out of the 309 properties so cited.

City officials do not recommend any additional regulations.

— by Asmaa Elkeurti

Trial in child's slaying to begin Oct. 24

A former Iowa City man's second-degree-murder trial will begin Oct. 24, according to a pre-trial conference held Thursday at the Johnson County Courthouse.

Assistant County Attorney Anne Lahey and defense attorney Leon Spies, who is representing defendant Brian Dykstra, met with 6th District Judge Patrick Grady in chambers to discuss details of the upcoming trial. Both parties agreed on an estimated trial time of eight days, and neither side foresaw any scheduling conflicts.

Parties also discussed specifics of how technological issues would be dealt with, especially in reference to the handling of redacted footage, which caused a mistrial in the Charles Thompson homicide trial in September.

Dykstra, who listened in on the pretrial conference via speaker phone, was charged with second-degree murder in connection with the death of his 20-month-old adopted child, who died of head trauma while under his care in 2005.

— by Eric Moore

Police seek info on robbery at bank

Iowa City police are looking for any information that could lead to the arrest of a man who committed a robbery Wednesday night at Hills Bank located on Muscatine Avenue.

According to a release from the Iowa City police, a woman was in her vehicle at the bank's night-deposit box when a man ran up to her window and grabbed her wrist as she was depositing a bag of cash. The man allegedly told her to give him the money, and she complied. The victim did not report seeing a weapon, and the man fled eastbound from the bank.

Police responded to the scene at 8:29 p.m. and spoke with the woman, who described the man as an African American approximately 5-10, 170 pounds. He appeared to be in his mid-20s and had a light complexion with freckles. He was reported to be wearing a gray ski mask, blue jeans, a dark-colored hooded sweatshirt, and tennis shoes.

— by Matt Starns

Obama raises \$70 million

WASHINGTON — President Obama's campaign raised more than \$70 million combined for his re-election and the Democratic Party during the summer, an amount that gives him a clear financial advantage over his Republican rivals even as he faces economic and political headwinds.

The fundraising total announced Thursday exceeds a goal set by the campaign of \$55 million combined for the July-September fundraising period, but it is about \$16 million less than Obama raised during the April-June quarter. However, it dwarfs the fundraising efforts of the candidates for the GOP presidential nomination.

Obama has dealt with declining poll numbers and a weakened economy during the summer, prompting the president to recently call himself the "underdog" in the presidential race. Campaign officials had said they would raise less because of canceled fundraisers during the summer's debt-ceiling negotiations and a typical summertime lull in raising cash.

— Associated Press

BLOTTER

Edward Bills, 22, 28 Valley Ave., was charged Wednesday with public intoxication.

Henry Finch, 27, 430 E. Jefferson St. Apt. 1, was charged Thursday with an OWI.

Leon Hemphill, 55, 1100 Arthur St. Apt. C1, was charged Tuesday with fifth-degree theft.

Benjamin Moore, 31, 861 Cross Park Ave. Apt. D, was charged Wednesday with domestic assault

with injury.

Tarrence Newman, 34, 2613 Indigo Court, was charged Wednesday with interference with official acts causing injury

and obstructing an officer.

Lee Savage, 23, 605 Woodside Drive Apt. 1, was charged Thursday with keeping a disorderly house.

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“shock and awe tour” to introduce students to the different aspects of sustainability on campus and in the community.

“We’re trying to get new people to get plugged in and keep that constant stream of people working in sustainability,” Just said.

In addition to seeing sustainability projects, students said they were able to make connections with professionals.

“It was interesting just to see the different ways the campus is going about being green and going behind the scenes to see what they do,” UI freshman

Sustainability rally

In 2010, the UI set sustainability goals for 2020.

Vision 2020 Goals:

- Consume less energy
- Reach 40 percent renewable energy
- Divert 60 percent waste from landfill
- Reduce carbon footprint
- Educate students on sustainability
- Increase awareness of Iowa’s water resources
- Create partnerships with businesses, communities, and government agencies
- Point

Source: Sustainability Iowa website

Jeremy Carlson said. “This experience will come in helpful when interviewing for a job because I will have connections.”

One student said she was surprised to learn how

much effort goes into maintaining resources.

“It made me more aware of our surroundings and how much time and energy it takes for people to clean our air and water,” said UI freshman Emily Reid.

She said the event was also beneficial as a networking opportunity.

Officials from UI sustainability organizations agreed.

Nick Smith, a UI senior who works with Engineers for a Sustainable World, saw the event as an opportunity for students to be involved in campus activities.

“This event is great because students can jump in and act and get involved,” he said. “I wish I had had this opportunity when I was a freshman, because I think I would have had the potential to do a lot more for the com-

munity and the university.”

Smith’s organization plays a part in reaching out to children and educating them at an early age. Last year, organizers went to Regina Elementary to make edible landfills with the first-grade students.

“It’s about getting those kids excited and have them growing up with that mentality,” said Andrew Bennet, the Engineers for a Sustainable World president.

Ferman Milster, the director of utilities strategic planning for Facilities Management, said the UI is trying to reach 40 percent renewable energy for Vision 2020, a challenging but feasible goal.

“I’m really charged up about this and convinced we can do this,” Milster said. “The demand and the commitment is there from the university.”

Just said he hopes this event will encourage students to pursue sustainability in the future and will help the community work together to reach a

sustainable world faster.

“We want to make connections so we can pursue it and make more connections together,” he said.

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find it’s a good investment.”

This fall the UI saw its largest international student body, enrolling 3,442 students from other countries.

Officials say these students significantly affect local, state, and national economies.

According to the fall 2010 report from the Office of International Students and Scholars, international students at the UI contribute \$67 million to the local economy each year. Looking across the whole state, international students at Iowa’s public and private colleges add \$245

International effect

International students positively affect local, state, and national economies.

- Local: \$67 million
- State: \$245 million
- Nation: \$18.8 billion

Source: Fall 2010 Statistical Report, Office of International Students and Scholars

million to the economy. And nationally, officials estimate students from abroad boost the national economy by \$18.8 billion annually.

Though the UI didn’t do any formal international recruitment before 2007, officials have worked to develop an international strategy in recent years that includes attracting prospective students, educating students in coun-

tries overseas, and providing more study abroad opportunities for Iowans, Thomas said.

The UI covers most of the expenses, such as travel and lodging. Airfare in economy class is purchased, and hotels are often included in the recruitment package. Prices for recruitment tours can vary between regions. The cost of international recruitment programs typically ranges from \$10,000 to \$20,000, Thomas said.

Each UI recruiter is dedicated to one region and sometimes work with numerous outside organizations.

“In some cases, we’re working with the government of those countries, as in Thailand and Turkey, which organize for universities to come,” said Michael Barron, the director of UI Admissions.

Scott King, the director of International Students and Scholars, is recruiting students in the Middle East. He was recently in Amman, Jordan, and he will continue to tour the Middle East throughout October.

“[Amman] is always a good place for us, because there will be lots of interest,” King wrote in an email to *The Daily Iowan*. “We do have some name recognition here, and there is a lot of interest in our programs.”

Thomas said the UI appeals to foreign students through multiple areas.

“It’s very strong academically, it’s in a safe environment in a small city focused on academics,” he said. “Students and parents abroad look to those qualities.”

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Editorial

Should international recruiting be a focus for the UI?

Yes

I frankly don't see how placing emphasis on international recruiting can be a negatively perceived from an analytical standpoint.

First of all, let's clear the air for takeoff: the apparent assumption that foreign students, especially those from populous and developing areas of Asia, earn American degrees and then return to fuel their own economies is not valid. This is a simple matter of establishing a contractual system for mandating the American employment of international scholars who earn degrees here. So forget it.

International students bring a lot more to the table than a warm mass in a classroom. For one, they create an influx in foreign spending to the UI and, like any out-of-state student, bring in more funding to the university.

On a nonmonetary level, international students add diversity. Not only do they bring diversity to the demographics and the dynamics of the student body, but also to the scholarly framework and agenda of the university as a whole. We all know that an increase in perspectives results in a more efficient, well-rounded, and colorful (no pun intended) system of intellectual innovation.

Studies of diversity in educational communities seem to speak for themselves. One study conducted by the College of Liberal Arts at Loyola Marymount University found that having a diverse student body is directly associated with certain positive attributes of a college environment: stronger commitment to multiculturalism, a greater faculty emphasis on ethnic and gender issues in research and in the classroom, and more frequent student involvement in cultural-awareness workshops and ethnic-studies courses.

Beyond the logic of diversification, which is undoubtedly the cornerstone of the supporting argument, the truth is, in my opinion, the university student body doesn't need any more suburban white kids.

Everyone and his brother goes to college nowadays. And what's more, it feels like half of us don't even graduate with jobs in professional fields of employment. So it seems to me that, given the nationwide trend of college enrollment and post-college employment, a "change" isn't necessarily something to be feared.

The addition and further inclusion/absorption of more international students will only increase the well-roundedness, productivity, and local flavor of our university and local environment.

— Samuel Cleary

No

The classic battle of the chicken and the egg wages on. Should we invest in bringing more colorful eggs to the UI or should we invest more in the chicken so the eggs will actually hatch?

We should invest in the chicken. Because if we don't feed the chicken, then no one will want the eggs, no matter where in the world they come from.

OK, I'm going to stop talking code. Frankly, the UI needs to stop focusing on international issues and wake up: The university needs to work on its reputation before it can go around bragging about it.

I'm not talking about academics. I know we excel as a public university, you know we excel as a public university, but even if you don't, I'm going to brag a little. We are ranked No. 71 among national universities, including such private universities as Harvard, Stanford, Princeton, and Yale. Not bad.

We rank No. 28 among public universities. Seriously, that's a number to be more than proud of — and we haven't even gotten to specific programs yet. We fall in the top-10 for best medical schools, best clinical psychology programs, social psychology, and RN training. We are No. 1 in speech-language pathology. No. 1.

Did you know that? I didn't until this morning, and I'm an active member of this university. I feel like the national papers didn't run with those rankings. And that's not entirely fair.

I knew one ranking: No. 4 in party schools, according to the *Princeton Review*. The media loved that one. It was picked up by the *Chicago Tribune*, the *Huffington Post*, *USA Today* — oh, and Wikipedia picked it up, but it's not like people actually get information from there. In 2010, we were in the top 10 in *Playboy's* best party schools — those that who are best known for their nudity, yeah, but don't worry, we've moved down in that one. For now.

So people know the UI as an undergraduate school that turns a blind eye to binge drinking and partying on campus. We need to take the money from international recruitment and focus it toward improving our reputation at home, in Iowa.

Better academics, better education, better students: Invest in the chicken, because, honestly, people don't want an egg that will give them alcohol poisoning.

— Benjamin Evans

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The park was littered with Coleman tents. Occupiers slowly stirred in the morning mist, wiping down lawn chairs and laughing in small groups. Ten feet away from a sign begging people to be mindful of where they smoke, I lent a lighter to two young guys; they were smoking Marlboro Lights. Noticing the irony — which was furthered when I saw a young boy discarding a Wal-Mart brand Mountain Lightning bot-

tle in the garbage — I walked away with a grin.

Reaching the corner, I turned around for one last look and the "My name is ... I Want" bulletin board caught my attention. It's scattered with tacked up pieces of paper giving Occupiers' individual motivations for protest. Reading "I want everyone to pay the same amount of taxes no matter how much their annual income maybe. The wealthy should not be exempt" verbatim, I turned around, even more highly convicted. According to the other

signs, shouldn't the tax system yield more money from the diabolical "rich?"

But why should the rich fund the 99-percent's health care or increase their veterans' pensions? Couldn't they provide for themselves by choosing an actual occupation, rather than one of College Green Park?

If these people want jobs and opportunities, why not put down the signs and occupy the educational institutions of Iowa City? I can't help but think how much good an English 101 course from Kirkwood could

have for the girl waving a sign emblazoned with "Have the corporations bailed out you? Me either" at passing cars.

The "revolution" against the mega corporations looks like it's sponsored by Coleman, Phillip Morris, and Wal-Mart. "Have the corporations bailed out you?" Yes, it's called a salary. I'll start receiving one in January after I graduate. Oh, wait, you were looking for the answer "Me, neither."

Got it.

Nicholas Maas
UI senior

Guest opinion

UI Republicans: City Council ideals

Unless you have been camping out in College Green Park the past couple days, you probably heard about a little Iowa City primary election. On Nov. 8, voters in Iowa City will have the opportunity to fill two at-large seats and two district seats on the Iowa City City Council.

Local elections should be the most democratic of political contests. No big-money special-interest involvement, no partisan political group interference, no campaign contributions. Yet, when voters can't determine policy positions of candidates, democratic accountability is weakened. We would be impressed if a single reader could justify her or his vote in Tuesday's City Council primary besides simply "he is a student and under-

stands my concerns" or "he was mayor, and that means he has experience."

In local elections, political inaction among students has become the norm. The hoards of Obama voters that swarmed campus in 2008 searching for "change" in D.C. don't seem to care too much about the local elections that fundamentally affect their day-to-day lives much more than the partisan bickering in Washington.

As a political organization, it is not our place to formally endorse or disavow any candidate for City Council in the pending nonpartisan election. However, as a student organization, we will lay out our platform for improving student relations with the Iowa City community. Iowa

City is a diverse community with many issues facing citizens from downtown Iowa City to the Towncrest area to the Riverfront Crossings. With conflicting priorities for the candidates, it will be easy to forget the students' priorities.

From an economic standpoint, Iowa City needs to create an environment for businesses downtown, especially businesses that students will happily patronize. Some of us can remember the days when the Old Capitol Town Center was an actual mall, and not an abysmal food court with half the building owned by the University of Iowa. Some may even recall seeing the hottest new movies at the Englert and the former Old Capitol mall cinemas. Similarly, most of us can remember

patronizing downtown bars that no longer exist because of City Council policies.

Instead of spending tens of thousands of dollars a year to hire a Des Moines lobbyist, we could easily invest that money into a failing downtown. This money could be coupled with the bold yet common-sense approach of lowering various commercial-based taxes to incentivize business rather than run it away. Iowa City has a choice to make between facilitating an even bigger government that takes resources from its citizens or facilitating businesses and job creation that produce resources for their fellow citizens.

Despite the City Council's best intentions with the new 21-ordinance, the

More than medicine

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During my cancer treatment, I had to get a shot in my thigh every afternoon.

I hated getting them. My mom put a special numbing cream over a quarter-size area on my thigh to be poked, but the sharp poke wasn't the problem. That part didn't hurt. It was the liquid fire inside the syringe that was the problem. The medicine would burn and burn as it seeped through the layers of my skin and muscles.

This happened almost every day. But clinic days were different. Though I would get poked several times and receive numerous transfusions and therapies; I enjoyed clinic days. This is because on those days my favorite nurse, Leanne, administered my liquid-fire shot. Leanne had a special touch. She knew just how fast or slow to push the medicine through, she had a special way of massaging the medicine into my thigh afterward. She gave Blueberry a "shot" too. Blueberry was my bear and best companion. Right before my shot, Leanne gave Blueberry his "shot" in his thigh and demonstrate the same care and compassion as she did with me.

That kind of care and compassion are what most people hope to find when they make a visit to the ER, or have a hospital stay, or even just receive a flu shot at a small clinic. Nurses don't just service the technical and medical needs of the situation and patient, they also nurture and ensure emotional support for the patient, which is arguably even more important. Without nurses, patients would receive incomplete care.

But current and projected nursing shortages could lead to a decrease in care and compassion toward patients experiencing medical procedures in the not-so-distant future.

A 2009 study by nursing professors at Vanderbilt University found that projections indicate there will be a 260,000 shortfall of nurses by 2025. The researchers came to this projection based on the number of baby-boomer nurses expected to

retire, combined with previous shortages that have led to a decrease in the number of nursing educators. The decrease in educators furthers shortages, because nursing schools are forced to limit class sizes because of the lack of educators. In turn, limited class sizes lead to decreases in professional turnovers and outputs into the workforce.

Ellen Cram, an associate professor and assistant dean at the UI College of Nursing, explained in a class presentation that some researchers are looking to combat the shortage by implementing robots into medical care. Such robots would be able to draw blood and administer shots. They are even programmed to recite phrases to patients before and after a blood draw.

As Cram argued, these robots are not a sufficient replacement for nurses. The robots are given prompts in order to deal with a failed blood draw attempt, but what about when a child is crying or an elderly patient doesn't understand what's going on? The robots can't hug, or sing, or share stories.

Another solution to combat shortages is to shorten the time spent with a patient. Instead of calming down a patient or getting to know why he or she is afraid of a procedure, nurses would be — and some even currently are — faced with shorter allotted time spent per patient. This would create a health-care environment in which patients are more like chickens barely inspected, possibly still harboring *E. coli*, on an assembly line in order to meet daily quotas. Benevolence would be stripped from the nursing practice, and the act of nursing would be defamed.

I certainly would not want to arrive at the doctor's office, nervous about a procedure, and have the nurse not be able to stay and answer my questions or calm my fears. I definitely would not want a robot administering my shots. I'm 22 years old and still want Leanne to give me my shots, and she's Blueberry's preference, too. Leanne is more than just my nurse; she's my pillar of health and hope. ■

UI has moved up a few spots in the *Princeton Review's* party-school rankings to No. 4 in the nation. The failed policies of the City Council and university should be blamed, not the students.

The decisions by these two bodies have left UI's students with nothing to do and no incentive to try. College kids aren't difficult to entertain, but with no downtown movie theater, no convenient bowling alley, mini-golf course, laser tag, arcade, or social hangout, what else is there to do for a travel-restricted freshman?

College students are more than 35 percent of the population of Iowa City. Without college students,

the economic engine of Iowa City would not exist. It's confusing then that the Iowa City community has made it a priority to blatantly work against students, whether it is obstructing student City Council candidates, imposing tailgating restrictions, or supporting the 21-ordinance. It's even more confusing that we as students continue to let them.

We are the 35 percent. It is time for students to rise up and #OccupyIowaCityCouncil

— University of Iowa College
RepublicansThe University Democrats' response
appeared in Thursday's edition.

Many concerns, many voices

Protesters have been parked in College Green Park since Oct. 7 in conjunction with Occupy Iowa City. The protesters come from a wide range of backgrounds and have various reasons for attending.

Jonathan Kohls

Age: 28
Occupation: Works in the University of Iowa's IT department

Jonathan Kohl serves as the Occupy Iowa City demonstration's tech support. On Thursday, he set up a wireless point — with a soup can as an antenna — to make the Internet more easily accessible to the demonstrators.

Kohls said he is participating in the movement to protest technological censorship.

"Beneath that is my concern with technology," he



said. "Access to information for all, privacy rights. I want to keep the Internet free and open."

Like many of the protesters, Kohl said he is looking at the protest as a means

to make connections with like-minded people.

"I plan to network," he said. "This is a starting point for forming groups with common interests and goals."

Jason Burkhardt

Age: 19
Occupation: Unemployed, homeless

Jason Burkhardt has been camping at College Green Park since last week to protest the economic environment.

"I'm here because I see a lot of flaws in the economic system that our country is governed by," he said. "All human life is seen as expendable resources in our system of growth. And I, an entity of life, would like to see a change in that."

Burkhardt said the economic system developed by Occupy demonstrators is an ideal system compared with the current U.S. system.

"[The Occupy system is] a gift economy, essentially," he said. "We don't ask



for anything in return. But things are returned. There's reciprocity in this. And that's the economic system I see as really, truly, beneficial to life and not destructive."

However, Burkhardt said, he does not expect to see immediate change.

"It's slow going, and it's a step-by-step process," he said. "I think a lot of people may have it in their mind that we are going to make one, singular thing

that we want accomplished, act on it, and realize the change instantly. But it's not like that. I'm out here because I want there to be a dialogue about these injustices."

Burkhardt said the Occupy movement is only the beginning.

"We are creating a free, safe space to socialize and talk mostly about our opinions on injustices, and really, that's step one," he said.

Deandre Irby

Age: 19
Occupation: Unemployed

Unlike many of the other protesters, Deandre Irby was not pulled to Occupy Iowa City by political ideology. Instead, he said, he doesn't have anywhere else to go.

"I'm here because I saw these tents, and I don't have anything else to do," he said.

Irby said that he ended up at Occupy after a difficult time of trying to find



somewhere to live.

"I had a horrible year," he said. "I was homeless for seven to eight months."

However, Irby said, after he arrived at College Green

Park, he found that he liked the protest's atmosphere. And he said that he is making connections.

"Just last night, I met 20 to 25 new people," he said.

Doug Chaney

Age: 65
Occupation: Retired; PATV volunteer

Doug Chaney is energizing Occupy Iowa City. Literally.

One of Chaney's roles at the protest is manning the solar panel donated to the movement by the Iowa Renewable Energy Association.

"Every so often I turn it toward the Sun and check the voltage," he said.

The solar panel is connected to a converter, which can be used to power small electronic devices,



he said.

"I tried charging a cell phone, and that worked," he said. "So we're going to move up and try to run a laptop off of it."

Chaney's other role is recording the stages of the

movement for Iowa City Public Access Television.

"My friend ... has a camera. We're continuing to shoot footage," he said.

"I'm here documenting this for the duration."

Victoria Watson

Age: 26
Occupation: Yoga studio manager, server at Hamburg Inn, and cocktail waitress at Piano Lounge

As Victoria Watson helped hold the "kitchen" tent steady while others tied it in place, she said she is involved with the protest because she's concerned about the economy.

"There are a lot of things that are wrong with our world," she said. "Namely, that I've been working three to four jobs for numerous years, and not necessarily getting to a comfort level."



Watson said that she is concerned the wealthiest Americans are not being responsive to other socioeconomic groups.

"Hundreds and thousands of [the top 1 percent of earners] ... don't even know what to do with their

money. And there are people starving," she said.

Watson said she is participating in the protest to encourage unity.

"I think we should come together as a community and help each other," she said.

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Advice for my nephew:

- Bert and Ernie can see you through the television screen and will tell Mommy if you're being bad.
- Eat as much candy as you want — you're going to lose those baby teeth anyway. You can ruin those shoes, too; they won't fit you in two months.
- Always tell the truth. (You need to build up credibility for all the lies down the road.)
- Xbox Live is for nerdy adults who talk about politics and boring old-people stuff. Kids shouldn't bother.
- Learn to like Legos and Ninja Turtles; you're going to get a lot of them. You'll get to play with me, too. I get Leonardo.
- Sometimes, the endings of movies change, so watch them over and over and over.
- Chicks love little kids, so if you learn to pout, act lost, and cry on command, I'll take you to the park all the time.
- If you catch a fish that weighs more than you do, I'll buy you anything you want. You're only going to get heavier, so I'd start now if I were you.
- First day of school, climb to the top of the monkey bars and stay there for one minute after the whistle blows. You'll never get picked last in any game.
- I'll buy you a little red wagon, but if you can't use it to pull my drunk body home by the time you're 7, I'm taking it back.
- If you eat any coins or small trinkets, follow it with Play-Doh; that'll catch everything on its way out.
- Don't cry around me, I don't care. If you stop being fun, you're going back to your parents' house. Now, entertain me.

- Nathan Wulf finally has a reason to visit his sister.

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WHERE THE TALL POETRY GROWS



Nathan Hoks reads some of his poetry at Prairie Lights on Thursday. Hoks is a graduate of the University of Iowa Writers' Workshop. (The Daily Iowan/Adam Westley)

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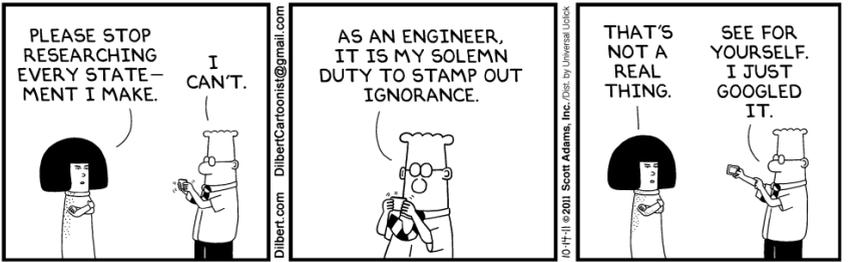
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- by Eugenia Last

- ARIES** March 21-April 19 Put greater effort into your partnerships. Even if you don't agree with someone, be diplomatic. Avoiding confrontation will ensure opportunity. Love is highlighted. Enrich a new or old relationship with a show of affection.
- TAURUS** April 20-May 20 Criticism will lead to trouble. Look for the positive in every situation, and you can avoid an argument. Too much of anything will be frowned upon by someone who is important to you. Keep track of your time and your spending habits.
- GEMINI** May 21-June 20 Take care of matters that can affect your finances. Don't leave important documents for someone else to handle. Deal with institutions or government agencies with speed and accuracy. Hard work, coupled with originality, will help you excel.
- CANCER** June 21-July 22 An opportunity will arise if you offer your services to an organization you respect. Love is in the stars, and mingling with other singles or doing something special with your current partner will enhance your love life. Go shopping, and update your image.
- LEO** July 23-Aug. 22 Don't make assumptions, or you will be disappointed. Promises are not likely to be kept. As charming as you may be, someone will find fault with what you do or say. Fix up your surroundings, but stay within your budget. Protect your assets.
- VIRGO** Aug. 23-Sept. 22 You need to get away and explore new people, places, and things. Socializing and participating in events will help you gain confidence. An opportunity to impress someone special will lead to personal rewards. Consider making a residential or lifestyle change.
- LIBRA** Sept. 23-Oct. 22 Someone from your past may offer to help you out, but find out what's expected in return before accepting. Work hard and reap rewards based on your own merit. Your success will overrule someone who tends to brag.
- SCORPIO** Oct. 23-Nov. 21 Let your charm and experience shine through. Love is highlighted, and taking time to reinforce your feelings for someone will pay off. Someone will surprise you with unusual information that can alter your current professional status. Don't feel you have to make a hasty decision.
- SAGITTARIUS** Nov. 22-Dec. 21 It's time to consider making some alterations that will help you financially, emotionally, or physically. Cutting down your overhead or investing in something that will grow in value should be your goal. Don't overindulge or overspend on luxury items.
- CAPRICORN** Dec. 22-Jan. 19 Take any opportunity you get to bring loved ones closer together. Make changes to your home that will encourage everyone to participate in your plans. Travel will not bring you the results you hoped for. Do whatever needs doing from the comfort of home.
- AQUARIUS** Jan. 20-Feb. 18 Work toward your goal, even if someone you love complains. It's vital that you don't take on too much. Someone will misinterpret what you say if you aren't specific. Don't take chances when dealing with people looking for a handout.
- PISCES** Feb. 19-March 20 An opportunity to hook up with someone from your past will pay off. A financial opportunity is apparent. Making a change to the way you live or do things will also help to lower your overhead and increase your intake. Love is in the stars.

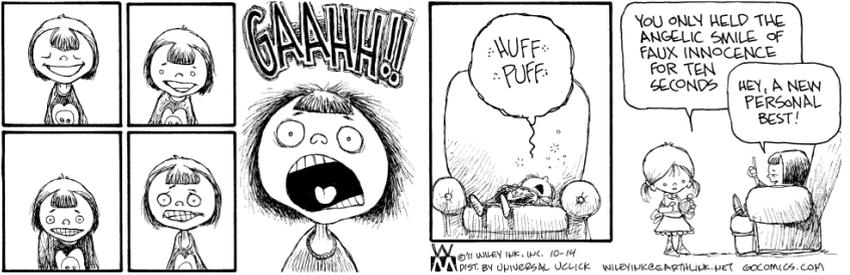
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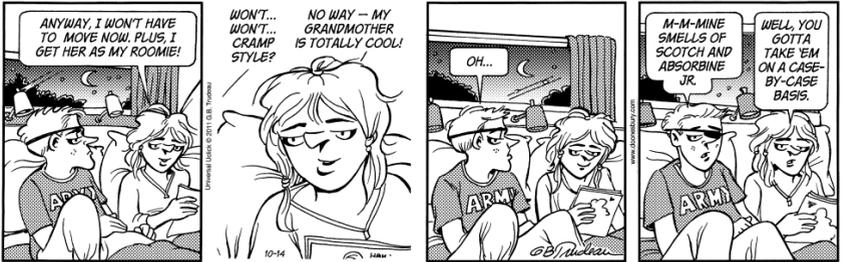
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- **Writing My Way Back Home**, untimed, UI Communications Center
- **Exploring Majors Fair**, 9 a.m., IMU
- **Visiting Nurses Association Flu Clinic**, 9 a.m., Coral Village Apartments, 1799 Fifth St., Coralville
- **European Studies Group Fall 2011 Lecture Series**, "Jesus Rides a Bike: Öberammegau on Stage and Off," Glenn Ehrstine, noon, 1124 University Capitol Centre
- **International Writing Program Panel**, 12:01 p.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn
- **Green DREAM Expo**, 1 p.m., basketball courts behind Burge
- **"Java Blend" Live**, Saul Lubaroff Quartet, 2 p.m., Java House, 211½ E. Washington
- **Environmental Engineering & Science Graduate Seminar**, "Iowa's Water Quality — It's Our Choice," Keith Schilling, Iowa Geological Survey, 3:30 p.m., 4030 Seamans Center
- **Chemistry Department Colloquium**, "Integrin av β 3-targeted Radiotracers: from discovery to Clinical Practice," Shuang Liu, Purdue University, 3:30 p.m., W228 Chemistry Building
- **Biology Seminar**, "Using RNA Interference and Disease-causing Calcium Channel Mutations to Study How Synapses

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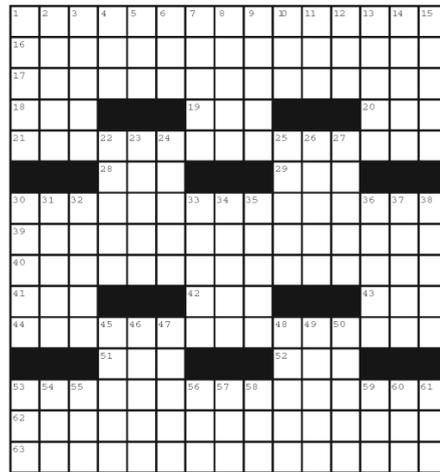
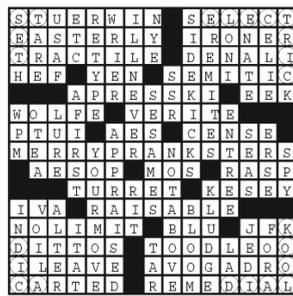
- Maintain Stable Function," C. Andrew Frank, 4 p.m., 101 Biology Building East
- **Duplicate Bridge**, 6:30 p.m., Iowa City/Johnson County Senior Center, 28 S. Linn
- **Authority Zone**, with Trenchtown, 7 p.m., Blue Moose, 211 Iowa
- **Spanish Literay Recital**, Roberto Ampuero and Luis Humberto Crosthwaite, 7 p.m., Prairie Lights, 15 S. Dubuque
- **Young Starlets of Japanese Cinema Series**, *One Million Yen Girl*, 7 p.m., Bijou
- **Kantorei and Women's Chorale**, Timothy Stalter, director, 7:30 p.m., IMU Main Ballroom
- **Smoking Pops**, with Emperors Club, Lipstick Homicide, 8 p.m., Mill, 120 E. Burlington
- **The Cherry Orchard**, Mainstage Series, 8 p.m., Theatre Building Mabie Theatre
- **Dueling Pianos**, 8:30 p.m., Gilbert Street Piano Lounge, 347 S. Gilbert
- **A Grateful Evening**, with Cosmic Railroad, Omega Dog, 9 p.m., Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn
- **We Were Here**, 9:30 p.m., Bijou
- **Campus Activities Board Movie**, *Horrible Bosses*, 10 p.m., 348 IMU
- **Mad Monks**, with the Maw, 10 p.m., Blue Moose
- **Spankalicious**, the Floozies, Lay-Z, 10 p.m., Gabe's, 330 E. Washington
- **Late Night Movie**, *The Whistleblower*, 11:30 p.m., Bijou

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- Starting point for a ferry ride to Alcatraz
 - Ways to avoid traffic jams
 - Many people can make this claim
 - See 55-Down
 - It's less than premium: Abbr.
 - Drilling type: Abbr.
 - Be unable to get the rest?
 - Battling something, say
 - Mock
 - North American singers with raspy notes
 - Bozo's suggestion
 - As a hobby
 - Not overseas
 - "That so?" reply
 - Beggar's receptacle
 - Result of prolonged worry
 - "Aloha nui ___" (warm greeting in Waikiki)
 - From ___ B
 - Going, going, going
 - Appalachian, e.g.
 - 1953 hit for Mitch Miller
- Down**
- Side
 - "Any volunteers?" reply
 - Some wild parties
 - Attendees of 3-Down
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 - Makeup of some strands
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 - Like some hands and hearts
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 - Tend to again, as an injured joint
 - Shooting setting
 - Cause to pull over
 - "Imagine that!"
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 - More together
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Higgins focuses on finals

UISG President Elliot Higgins hopes to have a new finals policy by the spring 2012 semester finals week.

By KRISTEN EAST
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University of Iowa students may never be faced with six hours of testing in one day again.

After approximately 100 students responded to a mass email describing their dissatisfaction with the current finals policy, UI Student Government President Elliot Higgins decided to approach university officials about exploring a new policy that could be in place as early as next semester.

An ideal policy would decrease the maximum number of final exams per day from three to two, Higgins said.

"Students who have taken three finals in one day overwhelmingly describe their experience as arduous and stressful," Higgins said. "If the goal of finals is to gauge the knowledge of students in a certain area, then surely it would be better for students and faculty if the test-taker was required to only take two finals on the same day."

Higgins met with officials

Finals-Policy Responses

UI students provided feedback to UISG's email regarding finals-policy changes:

- Three finals is too stressful, overwhelming.
- It's called "Finals Week" as opposed to "Finals Day."
- Three exams in one day is six hours of testing.
- Little to no time in between finals to eat, review, and rest.

Source: Elliot Higgins, UISG president

in the Office of the Provost on Wednesday to present the students' responses. Beth Ingram, the UI associate provost for undergraduate education, said changing the finals policy would require a lot of discussion among all parties.

"Any change in policies concerning finals scheduling would need to be discussed widely on campus with faculty, staff, and students," she said. "I've asked Elliot to explore the possibility with faculty groups on campus for input."

Spring 2012 would be the

earliest a new policy could go into effect because it's too late to change any policies for the current semester, Ingram said.

UI junior Samantha Baehr, who responded to UISG's mass e-mail, favors a new policy. She noted that some exams are more stressful than others.

"Three is such an arbitrary number when talking about finals," said Baehr, a former *Daily Iowan* employee. "All finals and courses are different. Three finals in one day could be a breeze for students with an easy semester or terrible for students who are taking a difficult course load."

Baehr said students shouldn't be punished on exam day because they chose academically challenging courses.

"Students shouldn't be punished with three finals in succession because they are pushing themselves by taking difficult courses," she said. "I really hope they change the policy from three or more to two or more to lessen the course load."

Higgins said he will now seek feedback from faculty regarding the potential pol-

icy change.

He said he plans to meet with the Educational Policy Committee of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences sometime before end of the semester. The committee will include a dean and nine other professors elected by faculty.

"We decided to go with this college because of its large enrollment," Higgins said. "If we are able to get the support of [the liberal-arts] faculty, I am optimistic that the rest of the university will follow suit."

Although he doesn't have any specific proposals for a new policy, Higgins said he'd like to see the creation of a designated day, most likely Friday, for students to take makeup exams.

"Potentially, we would work with the Office of the Provost to have it provide proctors to give these makeup exams," Higgins said. "It would alleviate some of the difficulties that professors have with administering makeup exams."

Higgins said he plans to "definitely" have a new policy in place for the spring 2012 semester finals week.

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City studies homelessness, housing

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The Iowa City Shelter House's new facility — which opened in November 2010 — has increased capacity from 29 beds to 70.

Despite the sizable increase in space, officials say they still turn needy people away.

"We're consistently running full, which we didn't expect so quickly," said Shelter House Executive Director Crissy Canganelli. "It's a continuing challenge given our economy."

Shelter House's new facility was funded in part by Community Development Block Grants — federal funds aimed at helping communities deal with a wide range of development, according to the Department of Housing and Development website. Local policymakers have access to more of the funds, but deciding how to divide the money isn't simple.

The city's community-development staff hosted a public forum Thursday to gather residents' input on needs for low- to moderate-income citizens to update CITY STEPS, a five-year plan to prioritize the fund-

ing that the city receives from the federal government.

The Shelter House received \$230,000 toward acquiring land for the new shelter, funds provided through the block grant during the CITY STEPS 2006-2010 consolidated plan.

Members from the Shelter House, along with members from other organizations in Iowa City, addressed issues relating to the risk of homelessness and affordable housing.

Steve Long, an Iowa City community-development coordinator, said he's noticed an increase in the number of people seeking shelter.

"We've worked with Shelter House the past couple of years to help fill in the gaps to provide that need," he said. "We do recognize that need. It's a high priority."

Canganelli said writing a grant and applying for funding is a competitive process, especially if there is little operating funding available.

"That's what the challenge is — trying to provide necessary services people need to have shelter," she

said. "They need the support to move forward so homelessness doesn't become a cycle."

LaTasha Massey, a community-project specialist for Johnson County Social Services, agreed, saying community leaders need to prevent families from being "set up to fail."

"A lot of people are on the verge of being homeless," Massey said. "Yes, we need to build more affordable housing, but people also have other needs, like needing help to maintain that housing."

Veterans have been a target for homelessness, not receiving the assistance they need, officials said.

The new Shelter House now sets aside 14 of the 70 beds specifically for veterans through a transitional program with the Department of Veterans Affairs. Canganelli said veterans in the past accounted for 10 to 15 percent of those the Shelter has worked with, a percentage that has risen to 20.

"Housing for veterans is one of the most important things," said Charles Drum, a retiree and member of the Iowa City Hous-

ing and Community Development Commission. "We send these people off to fight these wars and turn our backs on them."

Canganelli said Shelter House isn't sure if it will apply for more block-grant funding in the upcoming weeks. Although more rooms for area homeless would be helpful, the cost of operating new or bigger facilities would be expensive.

Tracy Hightshoe, a city community-development planner, said the funds are dispersed based on applications and the capacity of the organization that applies.

"We can provide brick and mortar, but unless they have salaries for operating and the capacity to continue the project so it doesn't go into default — often, there are times nonprofit agencies have to stop services," Hightshoe said.

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Beggarmen can be choosers, it turns out

By JULIA JESSEN
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Irish music can be smooth, melodic, and graceful, crisp in its gentle rise and fall, and it can also be bouncy and exciting, filled with bursting percussion and upbeat tempos.

The Beggarmen, an Iowa City band that highlights both styles, will perform at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at the Riverside Theatre, 213 N. Gilbert St. Admission is \$20, \$15 for youth/students with IDs.

Brad Pouleson and three others started the group 10 years ago. The last original member, Pouleson said the traditional Celtic music that the band plays does not resemble the stereotypical rowdy, beer-drinking songs that many people think of when they hear the words "Irish music."

"We do the jigs and reels, but then the songs we do are not so much to do with that subject matter," he said. "We delve a little deeper into the Irish traditions for our material."

Tara Dutcher, another member of the group, joined the band a year after it was formed. The fiddler, who has been playing for 30 years, said she enjoys the

way Irish music can convey quite different atmospheres.

"A lot of it is dance music, but sometimes it is really emotionally loaded as well," she said. "So I guess that the difficulty of the music is appealing for me because it's the sort of thing that sounds danceable and light sometimes, but there are a lot of layers involved."

Another interesting aspect of the concert is the band's connection with the Riverside Theatre's upcoming play, *The Cripple of Inishmaan*. All of the music featured in the play, set in Ireland, is by the Beggarmen. The musicians said they are excited about how their music and the play are interwoven and how the pairing enhances the theme.

"A lot of the songs that we do are somewhat historical in nature and are a glimpse of culture, and those are the same kinds of things that can be found in the play," Dutcher said.

University of Iowa freshman Taylor Best will help set this weekend's performance apart from others that the band has played.

Best is an accomplished step dancer who will add

her skills to the performance. She hasn't had the chance to perform since she arrived at the university this fall, so, she said, she is excited.

"I love dancing to Irish-cultural music, so to have the opportunity to do it one more time is awesome," she said.

The 18-year-old dancer said that Irish step dancers act as added percussion to the music and fill it out.

"I love the way that it sounds when everything comes together, and the beats match the tune of the music, and everything seems to be right in sync," she said.

The band members said they look forward to the way that Best will complement the music, giving people a better sense of Irish music and a great feeling as well.

"People should come because we're going to have a fabulous time," Pouleson said. "There's so much beautiful music that's going to be played, and they're going to get their toes tapping, see some wonderful dancing, leave with a good memory, and feel better afterward."



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“When you’re out there, you don’t want to think too much,” Francis said. “That’s what we were doing

last year, to make sure we were doing things right. When you start to play like that, sometimes that can hold you back from really achieving what you can do. This year, there’s a greater comfort level because they understand what to expect.”

Senior guard Matt Gatens also believes he has

a better understanding of McCaffery’s system now that the team has played in it for a full year.

When asked how much of a difference being comfortable with the system can make, Gatens said, “It’s huge.”

“[Now], you don’t have to think about as many things. You can just think

about the game and how to win.”

During his half-hour press conference on Thursday, McCaffery discussed what year two could look like — he’d like to see his team playing at a faster pace and pressing a little more.

Several players, including Gatens, Bryce

Cartwright, Melsahn Basabe, and Roy Devyn Marble, also mentioned something else that would be new to the Hawkeyes — the NCAA Tournament.

That’s the hope for year two of the Fran McCaffery era.

“I believe so, and everybody in that locker room

does,” Gatens said when asked if the team is good enough to reach the tournament. “Our attitude is different this year. We all believe. We’ve had team meetings where we’ve talked about it — that’s our goal. To get to the NCAA Tournament.”

FOOTBALL

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play a full 60 minutes.”

Iowa has struggled to close out games at times in recent years — but particularly against Northwestern. In 2010, the Wildcats overcame a 17-7 deficit heading into the fourth quarter and won, 21-17.

Senior wide receiver Marvin McNutt has experienced Iowa’s three most recent losses to perhaps its biggest Big Ten foe, but he couldn’t pinpoint the rea-

son for the three-game losing skid.

“I can’t put a finger on it,” he said, and paused. “Sometimes, things just happen. They’re a good team. They get after it every play.”

Northwestern enters Kinnick Stadium with an open offensive scheme, and the Wildcats have continued to put points on the scoreboard despite losing starting running back Mike Trumpy to a torn ACL.

Dual-threat quarterback Dan Persa threw for a career-high 331 yards against Michigan last week, and senior wide receiver Jeremy Ebert leads the team with 26

catches for 324 yards and five touchdowns.

Additionally, wide receiver Kain Colter — who started at quarterback when Persa was still recovering from injury the first three games of the season — is a big-play threat. The sophomore has lined up at running back at times during the Wildcats’ first five games.

“We’re going to have to force turnovers,” Iowa cornerback Shaun Prater said. “We really haven’t had many turnovers versus [Northwestern], so when Persa does throw the ball, we have to try to get interceptions and force fumbles

when he runs.”

Persa has proven to be difficult for the Iowa secondary to stop; he completed 32-of-43 passes for 318 yards and two touchdowns last year. Prater said the defense will need to hone in on the Wildcats throughout every play until the final whistle blows.

“We have to stick on our guys, no matter what,” he said. “There’s a couple times last year when we thought [Persa] passed the line of scrimmage. He scrambles around; guys are running all over the place. It looks like recess in fifth grade.”

“We have to just stick to

the game plan and try to end this losing streak [against Northwestern].”

Head coach Kirk Ferentz knows what’s happened the last three meetings with Northwestern.

He wants to stop the streak, too — although he’s focusing more on Saturday’s game as an individual encounter instead of as part of the series.

“All I know is against us, they’ve made it very tough,” Ferentz said. “They have played well and that’s what I’m focused on right now ... I’m worried about this Saturday.”

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squad can be successful — especially after racing in a similar format at the Griak.

“This race is going to be just as big, if not bigger,

than the Roy Griak,” the Peoria, Ill., native said. “Our team has been running together better, and our chemistry is doing really well. We can’t be too fast

or too slow, we just need to get out there and go with it. We’ve been training for 10K all year. We’ve had good practice, and we’re ready to get there and run.”

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BASKETBALL

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sistency as that reason. Closing out a game requires timely defensive stops and scores and reliable free-throw shooting, he said. The Hawkeyes failed to fulfill those requirements too often.

Fixing the problem is a matter of focus, said junior forward Eric May.

“It’s really staying focused on the way we want to play the whole game,” May said. “... We’d stop playing fast-paced or stop pressing as we should be. We didn’t execute. We change that, and it’s going to make a difference in those games.”

Basabe's confidence grows after U.S. Team tryout

Melsahn Basabe never faced a true tryout situation until this past summer. He was one of 17 invitees to the 2011 United States U19 Team’s training camp in Colorado Springs.

The sophomore forward failed to make the team but came back to Iowa with a renewed sense of confidence.

He competed with some of the nation’s top underclassmen, including three Big Ten foes — Michigan State’s Keith Appling, Michigan’s Tim Hardaway Jr., and Illinois’ Meyers Leonard.

“It let me know where I’m at nationally,” Basabe

said. “I only came back from it more confident even though I didn’t make the team ... I’m ready to match up against anybody in this country.”

Basabe averaged 11 points and 6.8 rebounds a game as a true freshman for the Hawkeyes. McCaffery said he believes the Glen Cove, N.Y., native is capable of averaging a double-double this season.

“I think we saw last year, against some of the best players in the country, he performed pretty well,” McCaffery said. “The next step for him is to be just a little more consistent.”

No redshirts likely for freshmen

All three of McCaffery’s scholarship freshmen

might play immediately.

He said Iowa’s experience at the post positions — forwards Andrew Brommer and Devon Archie return as seniors — means he may be able to redshirt center Gabe Olaseni. But McCaffery wants the Hawkeyes to operate at an even quicker pace than they did last season, which requires more depth.

“I feel like we need all of those bodies and what he’s shown me so far is that he’s ready to play,” McCaffery said of the 6-10 London native, the tallest

Fans can also expect to see the other two members of McCaffery’s first full recruiting class — guard Josh Oglesby and forward Aaron White — in Iowa’s rotation right away.

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play,” McCaffery said. “They showed that they’ve belonged. They are going to be in there.”

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Blackhawk, located in Moline, Ill., belongs to the National Junior College Athletics Association and competes in the Arrowhead Conference.

Tonight’s matchup is the Hawkeyes’ fourth exhibition game of the fall. Iowa tied Nebraska-Omaha last month and went 0-1-1 against Missouri on Oct. 8-9.

The games against the Tigers last weekend raised money for the Joplin, Mo., Little League program, which is trying to rebuild after a tornado struck the area last May.

Iowa returns its top three starters on the mound this spring in Jarred Hippen, Nick Brown, and Matt Dermody. Leading hitter Mike McQuillan will also be back in the Black and Gold.

Iowa will open its regular season against Pittsburgh in the Big Ten/Big East Challenge on Feb. 17, 2012.

— by Matt Cozzi

DeVries honorary captain

Former Iowa All-American defensive tackle Jared DeVries will return to Iowa City this weekend to serve as the Hawkeyes’ honorary captain for Saturday’s Black and Gold Spirit Game against Northwestern.

DeVries played at Iowa from 1995-98 and still holds school records in tackles for a loss in a season (22) and career (78) and career sacks (42). He was a three-time all-Big Ten selection and was the conference’s Lineman of the Year in 1997.

The Aplington, Iowa, native was named MVP of Iowa’s wins in both the 1995 Sun Bowl and 1996 Alamo Bowl. He was a consensus All-American as a senior in 1998.

DeVries was taken by Detroit in the third round of the 1999 NFL draft and played with the Lions for his entire 12-year professional career.

He’ll participate in the coin toss for the annual Black and Gold Spirit Game; fans seated in odd-numbered sections of Kinnick Stadium are asked to wear black and those in even-numbered sections should wear

gold. All students should be in black.

Iowa will also attempt its first-ever card stunt, in which fans will be asked to hold up colored cards

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— by Seth Roberts

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Former Iowa linebacker Troy Johnson jumps to pick off a pass thrown by Northwestern quarterback Dan Persa during the No. 4 Hawkeyes' 17-10 loss to the Wildcats at Kinnick Stadium on Nov. 7, 2009. Persa and the Wildcats have beaten Iowa three years in a row. (The Daily Iowan/File Photo)

Recalling close-game blues

Iowa needs to fare better in close games after losing eight by two possessions or fewer last season.

By **JORDAN GARRETSON**
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One could sense a shred of bitterness in Bryce Cartwright's voice. Seven months after the Iowa basketball team completed its 2010-11 season, the senior point guard recalled what proved to be one of the Hawkeyes' biggest demons.

Close-game losses.

Eight of Iowa's 20 defeats last year were by two possessions or fewer.

"Against Wisconsin, Northwestern ...," Cartwright said, his voice trailing off. "I think if we could have gotten a couple of those, our season would have been a lot different."

"[This year] when adversity hits us, we need to really show who we are and convert."

Doing so could easily mark the difference between a disappointing season and one that ends in the NCAA Tournament — an aspiration numerous players, including Cartwright, spoke about at the team's media day on Thursday.

Iowa's close-game futility was at its most extreme in mid-February. The Hawkeyes dropped four Big Ten games during a 10-day stretch. Three — against No. 13 Wisconsin, Northwestern, and Michigan — were decided by 3 points each. Iowa held leads over Wisconsin and Michigan with under a minute to play but lost in overtime in both games.

"That means we have played well enough to win," coach Fran McCaffery said. "But there's a reason we didn't win."

Senior guard Matt Gatens cited incon-



Cartwright
point guard

Hawks try 'Cats again

Northwestern quarterback Dan Persa completed 32-of-43 passes for 318 yards and two touchdowns last year.

By **MATT COZZI**
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Iowa has lost five of its last six to Northwestern, including the last three games in Kinnick Stadium.

The Hawkeyes are 20-4 at home since the start of the 2008 season. Two of those losses have come against the Wild-

Iowa (3-2, 0-1) vs. Northwestern (2-3, 0-2)

When: 6 p.m. Saturday

Where: Kinnick Stadium

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cats.

Excluding Northwestern and new conference member Nebraska, Iowa has beaten every Big Ten team at home since its last victory over the Wildcats in Kinnick, in 2002.

Over the last few years, it seems Northwestern has had an edge over Iowa.

This Saturday, the

Hawkeyes hope to change that in their first Legends Division game of the season.

"They just seem to come out and play harder than us," defensive end Broderick Binns said. "It's something that we have to address as a team. We need to come out, be ready, and

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Greenwood out of coma

Former Iowa safety Brett Greenwood is out of his medically induced coma, his high-school coach told *The Daily Iowan* on Thursday night.

Greenwood is "talking and standing up," said former Pleasant Valley High football coach Ed Morrissey.

Morrissey said he received an email on Thursday that detailed the news about Greenwood's status. He has been the spokesman for the Greenwood family since early September, when Greenwood collapsed while working out at Pleasant Valley High in Bettendorf.

Greenwood was initially taken to nearby Trinity Bettendorf hospital, but he was airlifted shortly thereafter to the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, where he spent a significant amount of time. The 24-year-old was then transferred to a primary-care facility in Ankeny, Iowa, between two and three weeks ago, Morrissey said.

Greenwood graduated last year after starting four-straight seasons with the Hawkeyes. His 12 interceptions rank sixth all-time in Iowa football history. The Bettendorf native signed with the Pittsburgh Steelers as an undrafted free agent, but was cut from the team on Sept. 2.

When reached on Thursday night, Morrissey said he was relieved.

"To me, it's great news," he said. "I'm very pleased."



Greenwood
former Hawkeye

Morrissey said he plans on speaking with the Greenwood family today.

— by Matt Cozzi

Stagg-Paterno Trophy in town

The Stagg-Paterno Championship Trophy is in Iowa City this weekend as part of the Big Ten's "Honoring Legends. Building Leaders." Mobile Tour.

Football fans can take pictures with the conference's first-ever championship trophy in Hubbard Park today from 11 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. and in Carver-Hawkeye Arena from 4:45-6 p.m.

The 30-inch trophy — a detachable silver football atop a base of crystal pillars — will be in the Krause Family Plaza in Kinnick Stadium from 1-3 p.m. Saturday and again from 4:30-6 p.m.

The tour takes place in a mobile RV that will bring the trophy to every Big Ten school this football season. The Stagg-Paterno Trophy will be in Minneapolis on Oct. 29, when Iowa plays the Gophers.

Former *Daily Iowan* sports-writer and current HawkeyeSports.com contributor Michele Danno will report from the tour for BigTen.org. Her coverage can be found at the tour's blog — bigten.org/blog/mobile-tour — and on Twitter by following @BIGMobileTour.

Danno's content is part of a conference-wide competition. Each school selected a representative for the tour, and fans can vote on their favorite reporter after the season is over. The winning student will attend either the Big Ten football championship game or the Big Ten bowl game of her or his choice.

— by Seth Roberts

Harriers itching to run

By **BEN ROSS**
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The Iowa men's cross-country team will resume competition this weekend after a three-week hiatus, traveling to Fayetteville, Ark., to compete in the Chile Pepper Festival on Saturday.

The 10-kilometer event will feature more than 80 college teams and will be a similar atmosphere to the Roy Griak Invitational in which the squad ran last month.

This weekend's meet will feature top competition from across the country for the Black and Gold. Teams such as No. 1-ranked Oklahoma State, No. 3 Oklahoma, No. 15 Arkansas, and No. 27 Texas A&M will be there to showcase their talents.

Even though 19 days have passed since the Hawkeyes last competed, head coach Larry Wiczorek said he doesn't think the time off will affect his runners. Sometimes, he said, the extra rest is a good thing.

"I think the [time off] can be tough for the younger guys," he said. "We've had three weeks off, and our guys have gotten better. We've had really good workouts, and sometimes, when you don't race for a while, it's a good thing. Our runners

will be anxious, and it's good for guys to be eager to run."

This weekend will also be the first time since Sept. 2 that junior all-American Jeff Thode will be in the lineup for the Hawkeyes. Thode has missed the last two meets for Iowa to rest and because of a family emergency. Even though he hasn't competed on the course with his team for a while, he said he doesn't think his performance will be inhibited.

"I don't think [running will be affected] by the time off," the Schaumburg, Ill., native said. "I've been training with the team and doing what I've always been doing. I should be fine."

Wiczorek is particularly excited about his star runner getting back into action, and he said he was anxious to see how Thode will fair against the top competition in Arkansas.

"It's a very big race for [Thode]," the 25-year head coach said. "He's coming off an All-American season and hasn't competed in a long time. [But] I'm not worried. This weekend will be a really good assessment for him."

This will also be a big weekend for junior Nick Holmes, who is coming off arguably his best per-



Junior Jeff Thode runs on the sidewalk near the UIHC on Aug. 23, 2010. Thode, an All-American last season, will compete this weekend for the first time since Sept. 2. (The Daily Iowan/File Photo)

formance as a Hawkeye; he finished 20th overall at the Griak Invitational in St. Paul, Minn.

Holmes has battled a myriad of injuries, including shin splints, tendini-

tis, and most recently, a serious viral infection. The junior said he looks forward to racing this weekend and believes the

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